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Community Members Explore Eugene as Part of Inaugural Jane's Walk Festival

May 6th-8th 2016 saw Eugene play host to four citizen-led walking tours as part of Eugene's inaugural Jane's Walk Festival. Residents participated in walks led by fellow Eugeneans that took place downtown, in the Friendly Neighborhood and on the University of Oregon campus. The walks focused on historical and cultural factors that shape different parts of Eugene.

This local iteration of Jane's Walk was part of a global event that takes place every year to commemorate the life and thought of Jane Jacobs. This year happened to coincide with what would have been her 100th birthday! Jacobs was an urban activist and thinker who believed that cities should be built as a reflection of the needs and aspirations of the people who inhabit them. The festival encourages residents to get out, explore their own neighborhoods and unfamiliar parts of their city.



Eugene's Jane's Walk Festival was a success, with over 100 participants taking part in exploring and learning more about our fair city. This event underscores Eugene's shared values of civic engagement, connected communities and healthy, walkable neighborhoods.

For more information please check out www.janeswalk.org or contact Eric Brown at eric.g.brown@ci.eugene.or.us or 541-682-5208.



EUGfun! Presents Free Community Events All Summer Long

EUGfun!, produced by City of Eugene's Cultural Services, will offer more than 100 free, family-friendly events this summer. The series kicks off on Friday, June 3 and includes live music, movies, dancing, human-powered fun, library events, theater in the parks and more.



EUGfun! will continue the pARTy on the Plaza series every Thursday in July and August, taking place from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. outside the Hult Center. Additionally, the Now! Performing Arts Series will present music and/or dance in Kesey Square every Wednesday from July 6 – August 10.

The EUGfun! summer passport events brochure will soon be available at Eugene Rec centers and the Eugene Public Library. To view the full schedule online, visit www.eugfun.org

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Presidential Candidate Visit Managed Successfully

On May 6, more than 4,300 people attended a rally for a US presidential candidate at the Lane Events Center. Although similar rallies in other cities have been marred by incidents, the event here was managed peacefully without need for arrests or any use of force. The Eugene Police Department, Eugene Emergency Management, and staff from across the City collaborated with federal and local emergency management partners to successfully manage this event of national interest.

Since first learning that the candidate was coming to Eugene, Emergency Management and Police Department staff began developing a plan. The event served as an excellent opportunity to practice and train on National Incident Management System (NIMS) guidance, principles and procedures.

City employees worked closely with our partners including Lane County, City of Springfield, and the University of Oregon for several days to manage physical and human resources. Staff defined processes and plans for information management, traffic, medical contingencies, and for staging and tracking City and mutual aid resources. The plan also included testing the deployment of a "Push Pack" which is used to provide the electronics and other equipment and resources necessary to locate a police command post to a secondary facility or remote location.



Eugene Emergency Management and EPD established an Incident Command Post (ICP). Staff from many parts of the City including EPD, Fire, Emergency Management, Planning and Development, Public Works, Parks, Library, Information Services, Risk, Finance, the City Manager's Office and Eugene's executive team filled positions at the Incident Command Post (ICP) until late Friday evening on May 6. Additional partners included Lane County Sheriff's Office, Federal agencies, as well as mutual aid support by Oregon State Police, Portland Police Bureau, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and Springfield Police.

The City also set up and staffed a Joint Information Center (JIC) with more than 90 hours from Public Information Officers (PIOs) from throughout the City and local partner agencies. To proactively provide media with information, detailed news releases with production-quality audio and video were sent to local, state and national media both pre- and post-event. Several news releases were sent including traffic advisories and a request to not livestream via helicopter or drone over the venue. Staff emailed area neighborhoods prior to the event and communicated with the public via Facebook and Twitter before, during and after the event. The JIC monitored news and social media, as well as livestreams both inside and outside the venue. Field PIOs at the Airport and at the Lane Events Center kept the JIC informed and provided photos.

All the planning, teamwork and effort paid off in the successful accomplishment of the goal. Police Chief Pete Kerns said, "Eugene's plan was designed to ensure the safety of the candidate, the public, and to safeguard the constitutional rights of all people and it accomplished exactly that."

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